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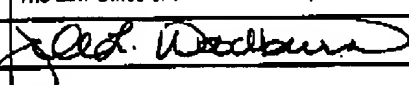
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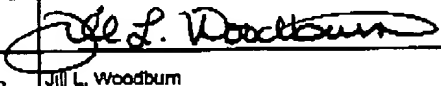
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2005, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.